

WHO IS HENRY WILMERING?

THE STATE'S CHIEF RELIANCE IN THE FREIGHT RATE CASES. SAYS ARTICLE IN OKLAHOMA WEEKLY.



(Following is an abstract of an article in *Harlow's Weekly*, April 8. It was not a paid article. It was published to suggest to the public that if Mr. Wilmering is not employed as a commissioner he must be employed as an expert or a less efficient man employed for the work he can do. He has no opponent with the special qualifications available in him. He asks the democratic nomination for the long term to succeed George A. Hennshaw, who is to retire.)

Just at present the most important matter in Oklahoma is the series of rate cases. At no time in the history of the state has more depended upon the efficiency of its officials. Beyond a doubt the success or failure of the state in these cases depends upon the ability of those engaged in hearing and handling them. The outcome involves many millions immediately and incalculable millions in the future.

Aside from the attorney general, who is in charge of the cases for the state, no other individual has been called upon to bear so great a responsibility as Henry Wilmering, who has just been called into the case again. A new turn in this litigation, a little over a month ago, suddenly brought the entire question of railway rate making into the controversy.

The responsibility for making figures and shaping them to meanings that must counteract the exhibits submitted by the railroads fell upon Henry Wilmering.

Wilmering was statistician and rate expert for the commission from the date of its establishment until 1911. He has given gratis much advice since his retirement from the commission's work, but the exigencies of the present situation demanded that he drop everything and give the work his undivided attention—at least that was the opinion of those working on the case. His old association with the question made him ambitious to be of service and keen to help his former associates with the battle of their lives.

When the corporation commission was organized Colonel Jack Love demonstrated his ability to pick men who could deliver results by "finding" the station agent at Cleveland, Henry Wilmering. Some wondered at the time what Wilmering knew about the complex problems of great railway and other public service corporations. But the big cowboy commissioner had an insight and considerable information of which the critics had no knowledge. Wilmering was then only a little past thirty five, but he had been in the railroad business for twenty years and more than ten years of that service was in the accounting and operating department. As a boy his father, who was a heavy shipper, secured employment for him as a station helper. When he was twenty he became yard clerk for the Pennsylvania in Chicago. A year later he was assigned to statistical work for the Pennsylvania and Wabash. His first job was to develop an accurate cost system of handling tonnage in and out of Pennsylvania warehouses. He made good and followed this line for ten years. In 1903 he needed and took a change—the result of the change was the agent at Cleveland, in the midst of the oil district.

At the beginning the commission was without reliable data upon which to base conclusions. Practically all complaints filed have been answered by intricate masses of figures, to which have been given a complex meaning supporting the acts complained of. If the facts set forth in the figures submitted by the corporations were to be accepted there was little use for the commission. The commission must base its actions upon information of an independent character. The law authorized it to compel reports to be furnished as it desired, in such form as it desired. The practical value of this authority is, of course, limited by the ability to determine just what information is essential—to know exactly what to ask for and how to ask for it—and the experience necessary to correlate and make tangible and usable this information.

The task of deciding upon the matter and form of these reports fell upon Henry Wilmering. On the success with which he performed it has largely depended the success of the commission.

Through these reports formulas and the system of investigations of which Mr. Wilmering is chiefly the author, the corporation commission is a veritable mine of information. Concrete, usable data is there covering every public service corporation in the state. It is true that this information has cost a considerable sum of money. On the other hand the Frisco railroad has spent over one-half million in securing information upon which to base its attack upon the state-made rates. The Rock Island, Katy and Santa Fe have each spent like amounts, according to

best information. The outcry of the state has, if anything, failed to be commensurate with the demands of safety.

The facts secured from these reports were used as the basis in the express rate and tax cases wherein the state recovered in the former over six hundred thousand and in the latter nearly four hundred thousand dollars. They were used in the freight rate cases wherein the commission recovered nearly four hundred thousand dollars in express charges above the commission schedule, and are the foundation of the freight rates now under attack. They were applied in the telephone case in which the commission refunded to Oklahoma City subscribers of the Pioneer Telephone company about \$75,000. They are the basis upon which the state is now working out its defense against the two-cent passenger fare and freight rate cases.

In view of these facts it is not surprising that the attorney general and the commission have drafted Henry Wilmering's service in the rate cases. It is correspondingly natural that Henry Wilmering should be ready heart and soul to make any reasonable sacrifices necessary and the full benefit of the work and experience resulting from the years he put in with the commission be available in these, the most important cases of the state's history.

The task which Wilmering has now taken is a very large one, but it is not too large for the man. He has a mind which works very accurately and incessantly and a perfect comprehension of the principles and practices underlying the business of public service corporation. No other person who has ever been connected with the commission has to a similar extent commanded the confidence and personal affection of Chairman Love of the commission, who has probably accepted Wilmering's advice upon more occasions than he has given consideration to that of any one else since he has been serving the state. Personally Wilmering is quiet, unobtrusive and one of the best fellows in the world to meet. He has an insatiable appetite for work, but upon this particular occasion has apparently acquired about as much of it as he can properly absorb within the time allotted.—Daily Oklahoman.

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Announcement is made by Wells Fargo & Company Express to its employees of a new benefit pension plan, which ranks in the generosity of its provisions with the best of the other pension plans of the other great transportation or industrial corporations across the land. The new system, which went into effect on June 1, is not the first pension provision established by Wells Fargo. The company has been retiring its older men on pensions for more than a quarter of a century—for the past twelve or fourteen years its pension board has been a distinct feature of its general organization. But the new plan, as its name indicates, contemplates much more than pension relief. One of its most salient features is a disability clause, which applies to any established worker in the company's ranks who may be stricken with illness or by accident. This, of itself, is a tremendously advanced step among the pension plans of the great corporate interests of America.

The executive officials of the Company have great pleasure and satisfaction in announcing the adoption by the board of directors of a revised Benefit and Pension System, to take effect June 1, 1934. This enlarges the age-pension allowances and provides substantial additional allowance to the employee in the event of disability, and to his beneficiaries in case of death. The disability allowance is alike a reassurance against sickness or accident and a means of support should such misfortune occur.

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SEEK TO WIND UP PROPERTY AFFAIRS OF STATE'S INDIANS.

Washington, July 1.—Three bills of far-reaching and vital consequence to eastern Oklahoma were favorably reported by the house committee on Indian affairs today and will take regular place on the house calendar tomorrow. The first is the bill of Congressman Charles Carter for the sale of the Choctaw-Chickasaw coal and asphalt deposits; the second is Congressman W. W. Hastings' jurisdiction bill; the third is Congressman William Murray's withdrawal bill.

Representative Carter's bill provides for the sale of coal and asphalt deposits in the segregated mineral lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations. The entire tract embraces something over 100,000 acres, variously estimated at values of from \$12,000,000 to \$100,000,000 dollars, 100,000 acres of which is covered by 113 leases made under the Atoka agreement, approved June 28, 1933.

Under provisions of the bill reported today, appraisement of mineral deposits must be made by three appraisers appointed by the president; one each on the recommendation of the governor of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations and one on the recommendation of the secretary of the interior. Appraisements must be sworn to, approved by the secretary of the interior and completed within six months after passage of the bill. The secretary of the interior must appraise and sell mineral deposits for not less than their appraised value within ninety days after approval of appraisement. All lands failing to bring appraised value must be reoffered for sale within twelve months after first sale. Fifty thousand dollars is appropriated for the appraisement and sale and McAlester is designated as the office for conducting such work.

These mineral deposits are the only remaining tribal property of the Five Civilized Tribes for which sale is not already approved by law and passage of the Carter bill for sale of the deposits will mark the last legislative step necessary to a complete winding up of the tribal affairs of the Choctaw and Chickasaw people.

Representative Hastings' bill vests the superintendent for the Five Civilized tribes at Muskogee with jurisdiction over the settlement of all individual affairs of Indians of the Five Civilized tribes, allowing appeal to the secretary of the interior by any aggrieved party within thirty days after the superintendent's decision.

Representative Murray's bill provides for the withdrawal from allotment of all unallotted lands in the Creek nation, including the valuable oil river bed lands and the so-called Barney Thico and other contested allotments.

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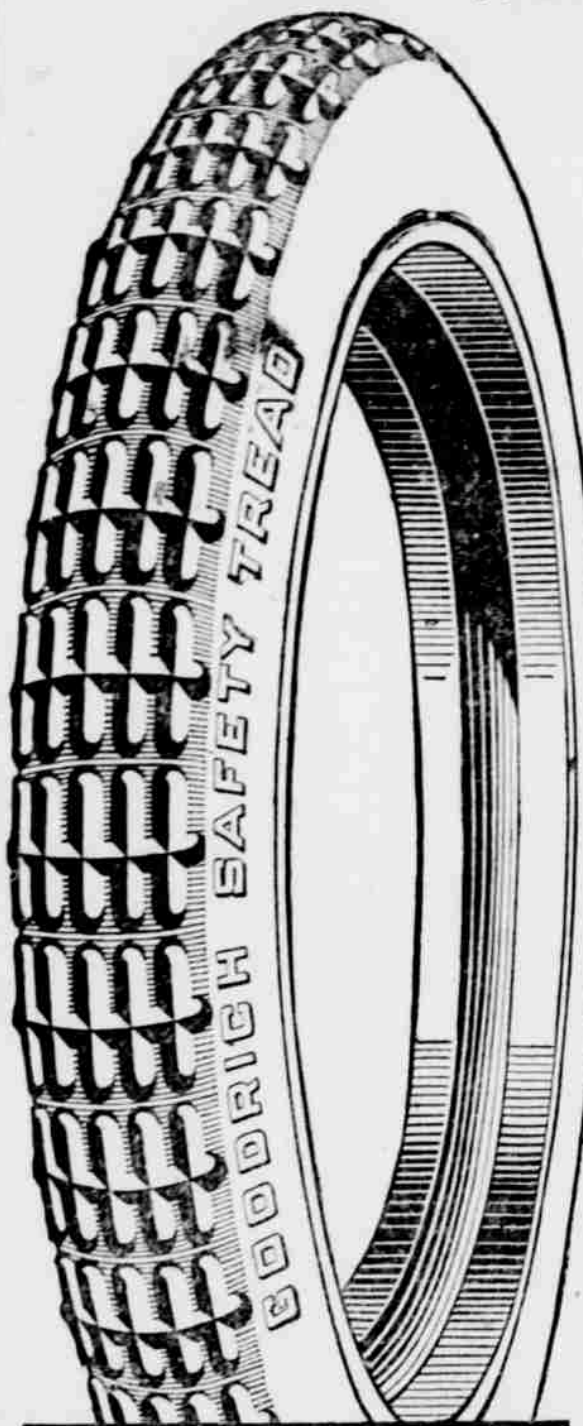
When people learn to make politics a business instead of an opportunity to favor a friend or to punish an enemy, we will have done that which will reduce the cost of government at least one-third and will have increased its efficiency 100 per cent.

When our colleges have a department in which men are trained for the public service, it stands to reason that we can use greater wisdom in selecting men for office from government down.

But until the democratic form of government has adopted these useful changes the people can do much toward greater efficiency by selecting men for office who best understand the duties required of them.

The voters of the third congressional district have an opportunity to cast their ballots for a man ripe in experience in the office he seeks. That man is W. F. (Bill) Whitson of Downard Mines, who is a candidate for county commissioner. Mr. Whitson has been present at more meetings of the Board of Commissioners than any commissioner has attended. He has observed the proceedings very closely, he is well acquainted with all details of the office, he has a good knowledge of the law which directs the acts of the commissioners. He has already learned these things as an employee of the county under the board. He is a contractor, and he knows bridge building. He has absorbed the practical part of civil engineering as far as it pertains to his work. He is a man endowed with enough intelligence to give the people of the county all the protection in the province of that office. He possesses that degree of honor that will direct him away from the shoals of any proposition of graft that might be presented. He knows the value of a dollar and has an interest and a pride in the wealth of his county. He is en-

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legislation for which he stands but will probably do that in the speeches which he will make over the county during the campaign. However, those who know Mr. Shores know where to place him. He is a southern man. He has lived here many years,—he loves folks and is one of the folks. He will stand for those things which are desired by his constituents and he has that native strength which will assert itself in the legislature, and make of him one of the strong men of that body.

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